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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koichiro NAKATANI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/613,100

Examiner: B. Tran

Filed: July 7, 2003

Docket No.: 115931

For: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 29, 2004 Office Action and September 21, 2004 personal interview, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-28 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Tran in the September 21 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 2-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicants respectfully assert that all of claims 1-28 are allowable for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 406033735A to Eguchi. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.